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OFFICE ACTION

Termination of Proceedings in Response to Board Decision on Appeal

1. The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 20, 2010 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to rejected claims 1 and 3-7 are considered terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b).

Disposition of Incomplete Dependent Claims

2. Claim 19 is objected to as incomplete because the rejected claim(s) on which it depends has/have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP §1214.06. Applicant is given a **ONE (1) MONTH TIME LIMIT** from the mailing date of this letter in which to present dependent claim 19 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s). Moreover, should Applicant choose to present claim 19 in independent form, Applicant is advised to include words designating the computer-readable medium as being non-transitory, in order to comply with current practice regarding statutory subject matter.

NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED.

Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claim 19, and the application will be passed to issue with allowed claims 8 and 10-18, as per the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 20, 2010. See MPEP § 1214.06(II)(B). Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication, or earlier communications, should be directed to the examiner, **Natalie Pass**, whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6774**, and whose facsimile number is (571) 273-6774. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787.

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